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**SOUTHEAST ASIA
ACTIVITY REPORT**

**SELECTED TRANSPORTATION
AND INFILTRATION
COMPENDIUM**

**STORAGE COMPLEX, ROUTE 15
NORTH VIETNAM**

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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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1. Major Storage Complex, Route 15/101 Junction, North Vietnam

25X1B A major storage complex [REDACTED]
25X1B [REDACTED] is located in the vicinity of the junction of
North Vietnam Routes 15 and 101 at 17-54N 105-49E, approximately 15 nm
north of the Mu Gia Pass. Eleven facilities/areas of vehicular activity
are linearly dispersed along connecting segments of Routes 15, 101 and
1501. Although activity relating to the movement of personnel and
supplies into Laos has been periodically identified along these routes
in the past, recent photography reveals a heretofore unknown complexity
of facilities and a major expansion effort.

Air strikes in the area have concentrated on the multiple river
crossings immediately north of Xom Ca Trang and the junction of Routes
15 and 101. The major route segments and the numerous access roads
appear to have been unaffected by random interdiction attempts, and the
facilities themselves are completely unscathed.

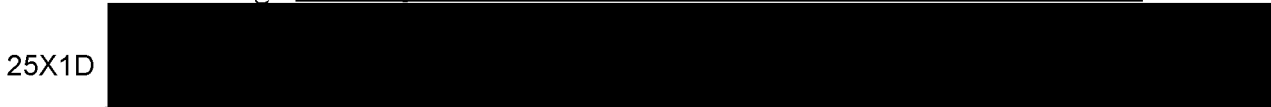
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25X1D The only area defense is provided by three light AAA sites
25X1D (6 positions each) located on the periphery of Xom Ca Trang at UTM
coordinates WE869848, WE868846 and WE868844 (Figures 1 and 2). At least
14 of the positions are occupied [REDACTED]

A description of each of the areas, grouped by apparent function
and proceeding north to south, follows.

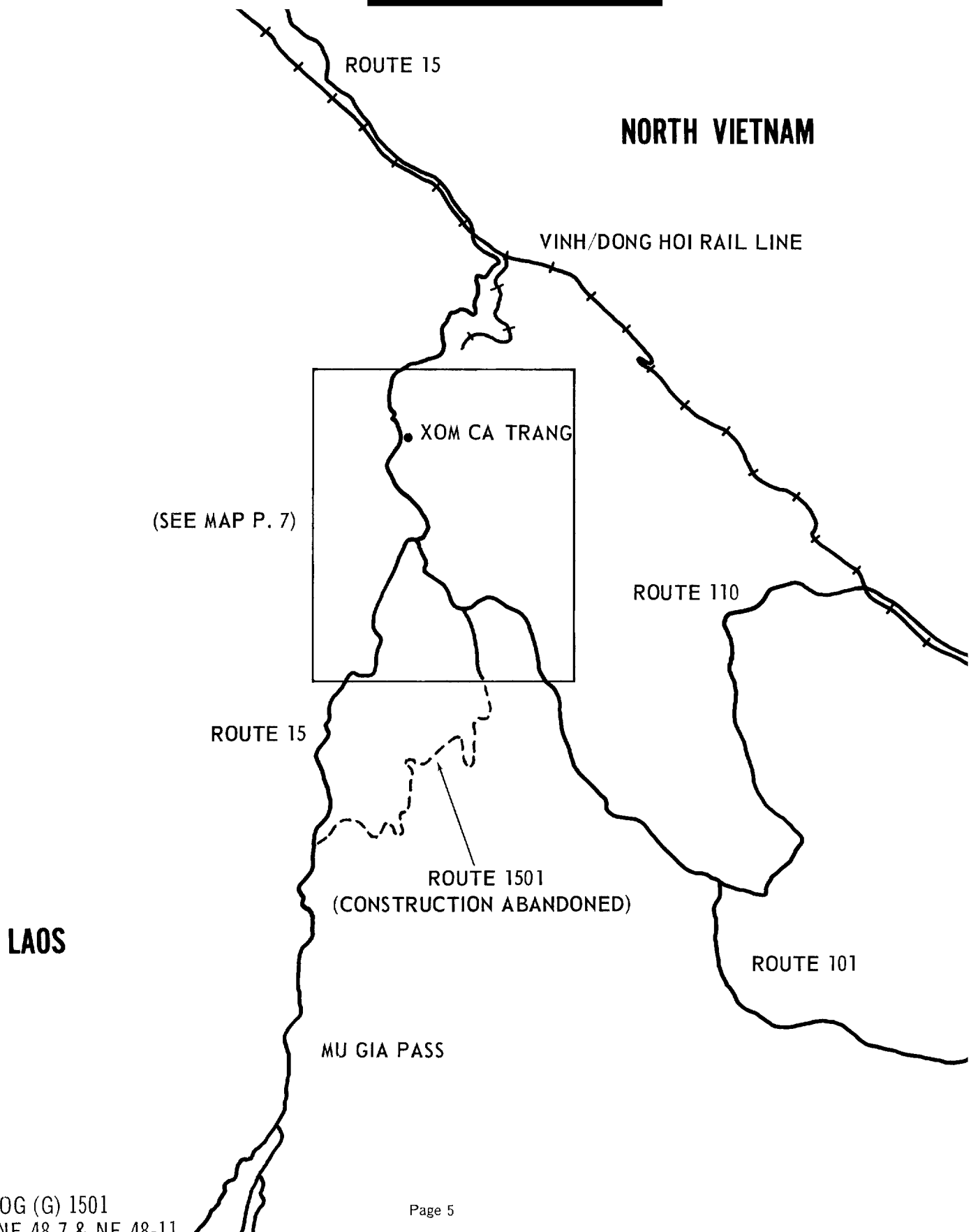
25X1D A probable support facility, consisting of five partially concealed
buildings [REDACTED] (Figure 3).



25X1D [REDACTED] A short road with a vehicular turning area provides access
to Route 15.

A major storage area is located along the southern edge of a large
karst hill and bounded by WE865832, WE870838 and WE874828 (Figure 5).
A partially concealed access road follows the karst contour and serves
at least 26 buildings [REDACTED]

25X1D [REDACTED]
25X1D [REDACTED]
25X1D The access road was first reported in Summary No. 46, but
no facilities were discernible at that time.



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At least 50 vehicle parking slots are located on both sides of an access road parallel to Route 15 between WE866824 and WE870821. Additional parking slots have been recently constructed on the east side of an adjacent segment of Route 15 between WE866821 and WE868820.

25X1D A probable storage area, identical in concept to the one in Figure 5, is under development between WE883815 and WE889803. An access road under construction follows the karst contour and joins Route 15 at WE873815 (Figure 4). Construction is still generally well concealed by natural vegetation; however, a trellis has been constructed over a short road segment. A previously existing road, with one major spur, provided access to this karst area and although no buildings are discernible, limited storage facilities probably exist.

Vehicle parking areas and extensive track activity are located on both sides of Route 101 within WE888773, WE898772, WE897767, and WE892767 (Figure 6). Although most tracks terminate at the tree line, no facilities are discernible.

25X1D A probable military camp/storage facility consisting of 9 buildings
25X1D is dispersed along an access road north of
25X1D Route 101 between WE899763 and WE901773 (Figure 7)

Heavy ground scarring under a dense tree canopy indicates the location of a possible storage or support facility at WE902757. A stream bed being utilized by vehicles and a well-used trail paralleling Route 1501 to connect with Route 101 provides access to the area.

An interconnecting system of access roads serve in excess of 60 parking slots and short parking lanes west of Route 1501 within WE892752, WE901753, WE902749, and WE893748 (Figure 8). Well-used trails serve a possible bivouac/support area located along the base of a karst hill between WE899749 and WE903748.

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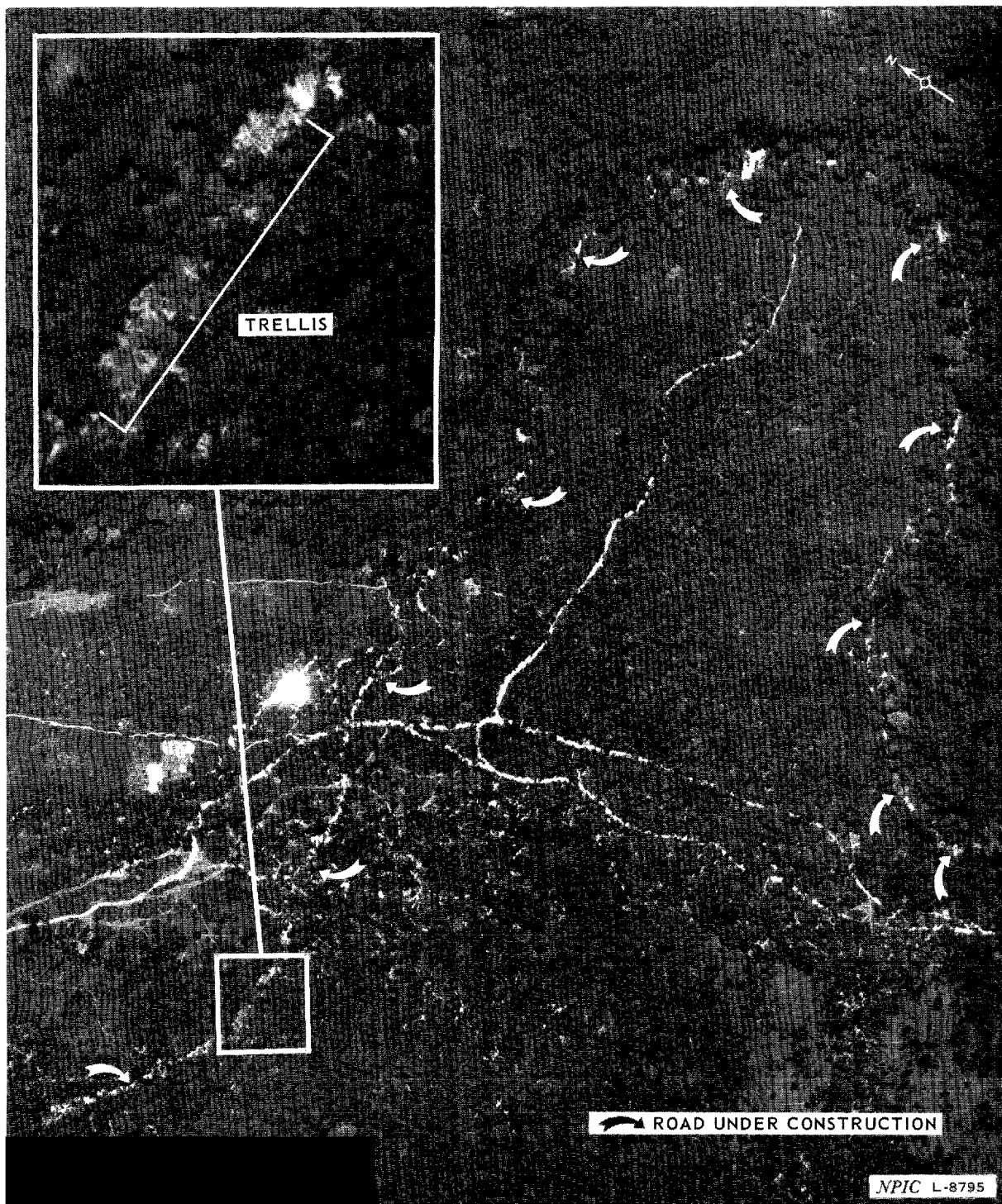
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FIGURE 4. PROBABLE STORAGE AREA UNDER DEVELOPMENT, ROUTE 15, NORTH VIETNAM.

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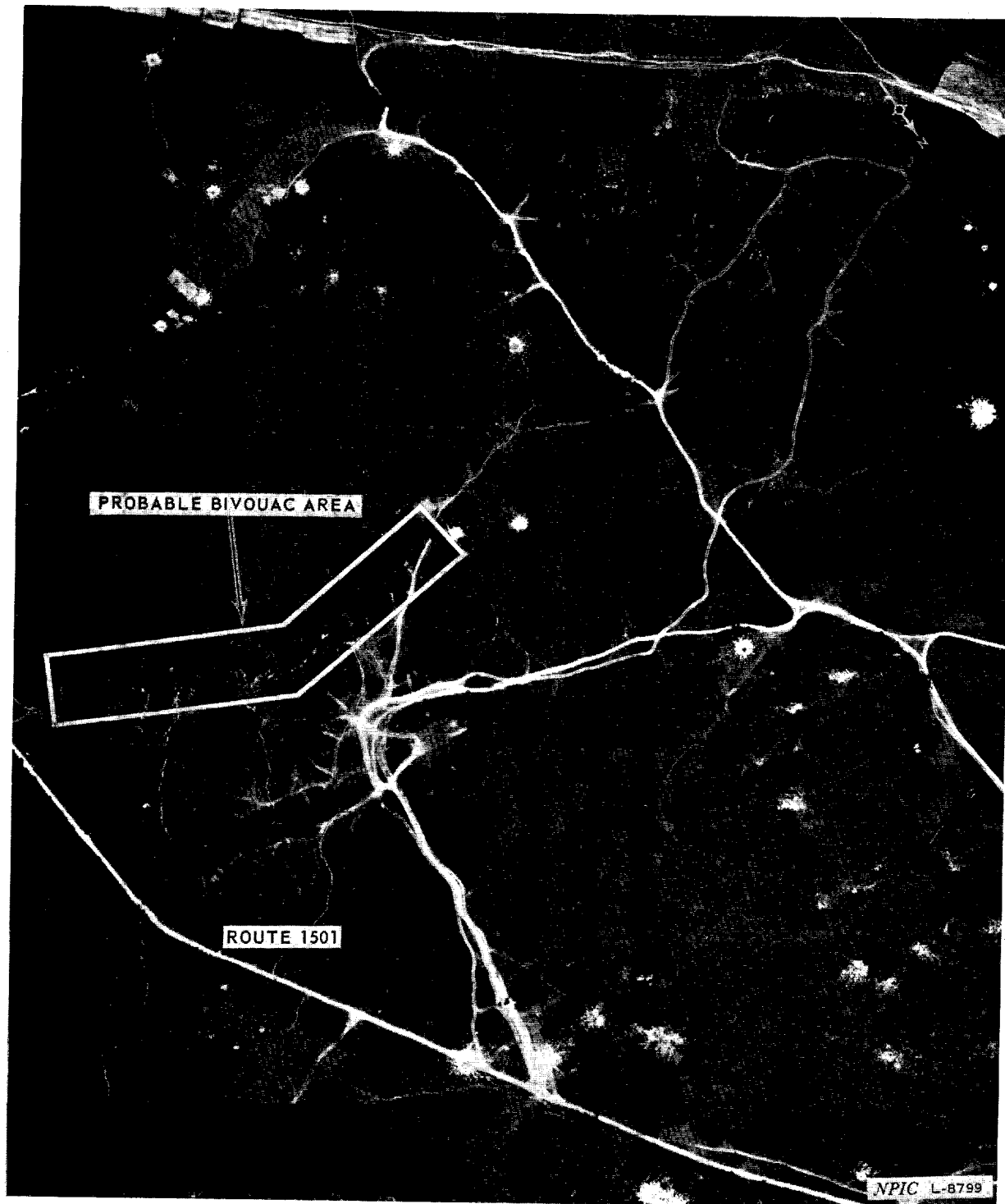


FIGURE 8. VEHICLE PARKING FACILITIES, ROUTE 1501, NORTH VIETNAM.

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